

initiatives that have aided specific and vulnerable populations, such as the Office of Global Women's Issues, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism—now an Ambassadorship, and special initiatives and funds focused on disability, LGBTQ+ and other communities.

I am greatly encouraged by recent Executive Orders from President Biden focused on equity and justice in this country and see the adoption of the African Descent Affairs Act as complementary to these domestic actions. Implemented together, these actions could facilitate the full and equal participation of people of African descent around the world. I urge you to join me in supporting this bill.

IN MEMORY OF HUEY CLIFTON  
MCLEAN

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Huey Clifton McLean.

HUEY CLIFTON MCLEAN

Huey Clifton McLean, 69, of Lexington passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2020. He was born to the late Pete Monroe and Glennie Mae McLean.

Huey proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He retired his military career with the South Carolina National Guard.

Surviving are his wife, Rebekah McLean; son, Michael (Jennifer) McLean; daughter, Kelly (Keith) Veidt; and grandchildren, Ryan (Emma) Veidt, Reilly Veidt, Kenlee McLean and Adam McLean. He is also survived by his sister, Patricia McLean Parrish and predeceased in death by his brother, Wallace Monroe McLean.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF AUTO-  
MOTIVE COLOR & SUPPLY CORP.

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate northeast Indiana-based automotive and industrial paint supplier and distributor Automotive Color & Supply Corporation for 70 years of business.

Richard Byers, Sr., acquired part ownership of the company and began to operate the business shortly after its founding in 1951. Richard attained full ownership of the company in 1970, and the Byers family has owned and operated Automotive Color as a family business since.

Automotive Color has established itself as one of the leading automotive and industrial paint and supply distributors not just in the Midwest but throughout the United States. Paint from Automotive Color is used on race cars, commercial and private aircraft, spacecraft, ocean vessels, movies and TV show sets, and more.

At a time when American industry is in convalescence from the coronavirus pandemic, this historic milestone is even more extraordinary.

Hoosiers are thankful for and proud of Automotive Colors' contributions to northeast Indiana and the country. This record is testament to the exceptional service and quality they have provided, and will continue to provide, for generations.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY  
BULLET

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Anthony Bullet on his appointment to Huntingdon Borough's newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Bullet in Huntingdon take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Bullet for his leadership and service to Huntingdon Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

JOE "VAL" VALENTIN VIGIL

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe "Val" Valentin Vigil of Thornton, Colorado who passed away on February 5, 2021.

Val, as he was known, was born on July 9, 1947 in Taos, New Mexico to Manuel Vigil and Felicia Vallejos. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and secondary education from Adams State University in 1971. Val went on to start his own financial consulting business, Vigil & Company, which he continued operating until his passing.

Val served in local and state government in Colorado for many years. I had the pleasure of working with him when he was a State Representative for House District 32 and during his tenure as a Thornton City Councilmember for eight years—two of which he was Mayor Pro Tem. Beginning in the 1970's, Val became active in the Democratic party for many years where he advocated for the Latino community and issues such as education. During his term in the Colorado State Legislature from 1999 to 2006, he became known for his legacy of promoting higher educational opportunities for students across Colorado. One of Val's lasting impacts on Colorado was his work to pass the ASSET Bill (Senate Bill 13-033), which grants in-state tuition to undocumented students.

In addition to his service in state and local government, Val served on the Board of Trustees for Adams State University from 2011 through 2019. He was an active member of the Adams State Denver Alumni Chapter, and volunteered many hours at local schools as a

guest speaker. He was in high demand to speak on immigration issues and was considered an expert on the topic, as he was the first legislator in Colorado to introduce the in-state tuition legislation in 2000.

Val was known and admired for his passion for community service and his dedication to expanding educational opportunities and advocating for issues important to Colorado's Latino community. Val was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather. He loved camping, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Celina Annabelle Vigil, children Nadine (Sammy) Cordova and Valerie Vigil, and grandchildren Brandon, Jared (Brienne), and Amanda (Jorge) and one great grandchild, Hazel. I am deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIVES OF AL AND  
DORA PADILLA

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Al Padilla, who passed away on October 4, 2020, at the age of 90, and his wife, Dora Padilla, who passed away on January 8, 2021, at the age of 86 from COVID-19. Al and Dora touched the lives of countless students in the San Gabriel Valley and were larger than life figures in their communities.

Hector Albert "Al" Padilla was born on March 22, 1930 in Tucson, Arizona, and moved to Los Angeles in 1939. Following high school, Al joined the United States Army and then enrolled in junior college. He transferred to Occidental College and was an all-conference guard on the Occidental football team. After years of playing sports at a young age, Al knew that coaching and mentoring young athletes was his calling. Al coached football at his alma mater, Roosevelt High School, before moving to rival Garfield High School. He went on to be the head football coach at East L.A. College, where he coached the Huskies to a state title in 1974 and was voted the California "Coach of the Year." But it wasn't just wins and losses that made Al a legend in the East L.A. community, it was his impact on the lives of generations of players. Al demanded good grades and sportsmanship from all of his players, and taught them the importance of caring for their loved ones, teammates, and community. And long after his players would graduate, he would stay in touch with them, because he believed that his role as a mentor didn't end when he left the football field.

Al's wife, Dora Padilla, was born on October 4, 1934 to Mexican immigrants. Dora began her long career in education by helping in her children's kindergarten classroom and by leading fundraisers as her children grew up in the Alhambra Unified School District. As she became more involved in school functions, she personally saw what students needed and was determined to bring change at the district level. She ran for the Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education on the slogan "Querer al niño es educarlo," or "To love a child is to educate a child," and won her seat

in 1978. She became well-known as a reliable defender of arts and music programs at a time when the state cut the district's budget, and she has been credited as the reason the school district has maintained a K–8 musical education program until today. She helped create the Alhambra Latino Association in 1995 and advocated for bilingual education, but also believed she represented all students regardless of their background. Dora was elected to five terms on the Board of Education and served for 20 years. In honor of her legacy, Alhambra High School dedicated a plaque outside of their new library in 1996, praising her "continued support and love of students seeking the American dream and equal opportunity."

Al and Dora were married for 64 years and made a lasting impression on their community and on many constituents in my district. I was fortunate to have known Dora well and to have seen the impacts of her achievements in Alhambra, and I saw first-hand the impact that Al had on his players when we both worked at East L.A. College together. Al and Dora leave behind an enduring legacy of public service and the development of generations of children and young adults. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the lives of these two extraordinary individuals.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF NATHANIEL STONE

#### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker I rise today in celebration of the life of Nathaniel Stone. He was a beloved educator and community leader and he will be deeply missed by the people of North Mississippi.

Nat was born on February 17, 1930, to Cleve Hopkins and Miona Stone in Tupelo, Mississippi. He and his brother Louis stayed in the area and attended George Washington Carver School. He joined the United States Army and served in the Korean war before playing baseball in the Negro American Leagues with the Chicago Blacksox and the Memphis Redsox. He later earned his Bachelor's degree at Mississippi Industrial College and Masters of Elementary Education School Administration at Jackson State University.

Mr. Stone was known primarily as an educator. He began his career in Kosciusko before relocating to Tupelo. He was the principal at Green Street Elementary and later Milam Intermediate School. When the school district integrated in 1970, Mr. Stone worked as a liaison with the black community. He inspired countless students, many of whom went on to pursue careers in education.

Mr. Stone is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Clytee Stone, and is survived by his children; Debra, Nathaniel, and Gwendolyn.

Mr. Stone was a beloved member of the Tupelo community and will always be remembered as an inspiration to countless students.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN, MR. THERON "DOC" B. McElROY

#### HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Charleston, Arkansas native, Mr. Theron "Doc" B. McElroy. Born on January 16, 1921, Mr. McElroy is one of seven children and one of our country's last remaining veterans of World War II.

After joining the United States Army on December 26, 1941, he stormed Utah Beach at Normandy on D-Day, joining thousands of other brave young Americans in a testament of truest heroism. Mr. McElroy earned several medals during his time of military service, such as the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, and many others. He earned an honorable discharge from the Army on December 20, 1945.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mr. McElroy and his family. In his 100th year, he continues to represent the very best of our nation's greatest generation, and I thank him for his significant impact upon the advance of freedom and the American Dream.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS GUISLER

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Thomas Guisler on his appointment to Huntingdon Borough's newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Guisler in Huntingdon take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Guisler for his leadership and service to Huntingdon Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE ALBERT PIKE STATUE REMOVAL ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the Albert Pike Statue Removal Act, which would require the removal of the statue of Confederate General Albert Pike from federal land near Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia, which was illegally torn down last

year. The bill also would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to donate the statue to a museum or a similar entity. Last Congress, the House Committee on Natural Resources passed this bill by voice vote. This is the second in a series of statue and memorial removal bills I am introducing during Black History Month.

This statue was authorized, not by the District, but by Congress in 1898, when the District had no home rule. The statue was constructed using both federal and private funds. The Freemasons, of which Pike was a member, donated the majority of the money needed to build and install the statue in 1901. I oppose destroying Confederate statues, because I believe they should be moved to more appropriate settings, like museums, to avoid erasing an important part of history from which Americans must continue to learn.

Pike, a Confederate general who served dishonorably and was forced to resign in disgrace, represents the worst of the Confederacy. Soldiers under his command were found to have mutilated the bodies of Union soldiers, and he was ultimately imprisoned after his fellow Confederate officers reported that he had been misappropriating funds. Adding to the dishonor of taking up arms against the United States, Pike dishonored even his Confederate military service. He certainly has absolutely no claim to be memorialized in the nation's capital. Even those who do not want Confederate statues removed will have to justify according Pike any honor considering his dishonorable history.

After meeting with the Freemasons, I believe the best course of action is to remove the statue and find a more appropriate place for it. Given the statue's divisive nature, the Freemasons themselves support the statue's removal, as do the D.C. Mayor and the D.C. Council.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND BLACK EUROPEANS

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 18, 2021*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, rise today to introduce a resolution with my colleagues, Representatives GREGORY MEEKS, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, GWEN MOORE, and BOBBY RUSH. The Honorable John Lewis of Georgia was a previous cosponsor of this legislation. Even as we honor him during Black History Month, I also urge my colleagues to join us in recognizing People of African Descent and Black Europeans.

Our resolution observes the history and current situation of People of African Descent living in Europe and Black Europeans during the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent. It also encourages the U.S. Secretary of State to take a number of steps to ensure their situation is improved following recommendations from the Anti-racism and People of African Descent Weeks (PADWEEK) held with our colleagues in the European Parliament over the past few